

Remarks

Claims 13-28 and 37-40 remain pending in the application and have been allowed.

Independent Claims 13, 16 and 37 are proposed to be amended herein to clarify the scope of the claims. These changes were discussed with the Examiner in a telephone conversation on March 28, 2003. After consulting with his supervisor, the Examiner advised that the changes would likely be entered after allowance.

It is respectfully submitted that the proposed amendments do not add new matter, do not affect the allowability of the application, and have not been made for any reasons related to patentability. The need for the proposed changes was only recently discovered and their entry would not place undue burden on the Patent and Trademark Office.

Favorable consideration and entry hereof are earnestly solicited.

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